

Are You Prepared?

With this year's record number of natural disasters, including the tornadoes in the Midwest, floods in the South, tsunami in Japan, and earthquake in Spain, if a major disaster were to hit Fremont, would you be prepared?

Do you know what supplies you need to have in your home, your car, or your office? Would you know how to stay safe?

Two Safety Programs

The Fremont Fire Department offers two different programs to help citizens prepare for potential emergencies before they occur.

CERT Community Emergency Response Team

PEP Personal Emergency Preparedness

Which Program is Right for You?

PEP will teach you how to get your home and family ready for earthquakes or other disasters. CERT training will teach you

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Join 10,000 of your closest Fremont friends at the
Fremont Fourth of July Parade on Monday, July 4 at 10 a.m.
Watch the parade march to its new location
for 2011 in Downtown Fremont!

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Fireworks Ban

Please Remember:
No Fireworks in Fremont

For the past several months under the City Council’s direction, City staff has been working feverishly to develop a budget that’s sustainable now and into the future.

While the economy is in the process of improving, it will not return to levels that meet the ongoing expenses of operating a City government. To get our budget under control, we have engaged our employees in a discussion about wage concessions, as well as launched a strategic sustainability study. The study, which is being conducted by an outside firm, Management Partners, in concert with our staff, will review budget balancing strategies, including reduction in overall employee compensation expenses; transition to alternative service delivery models; reduction or elimination of services to the community; and revenue enhancements. It’s designed to help us get our expenses under control.

Even with wage concessions and the strategic sustainability study under way, it is obvious to me the City is in need of a new revenue source. Without it, we will not be able to maintain the quality of life this community has enjoyed and deserves to have into the future.

Beginning in the fall, I am gearing up for an extensive community engagement process designed to share information about the City budget and services, and how it relates to the quality of life in our community. I look forward to the community getting involved and weighing in about what’s important to them. We will post information on the City website about future meetings, or you may sign up to be notified of this exciting effort by visiting www.Fremont.gov/BudgetOutreach.



Fred

Fred Diaz
City Manager

Did You Know?

Report Suspicious Activity to the Police



The Fremont Police Department reminds community members to report all suspicious activity by calling the Department’s non-emergency number at 790-6800, option 3. If you see something that doesn’t look or feel right, it’s important to call FPD so we can respond and determine if a crime has occurred. By reporting this activity first to the Police Department and then to your neighbors, you are proactively helping us to partner and solve crimes. To get more information on the crime prevention programs offered, follow us on Nixle at www.nixle.com or contact the Community Engagement Unit at 790-6740. When you call, be sure to ask about the new “Neighborhood Under Private Surveillance” signs available.

Remember: Fireworks are Banned in Fremont



The sale, possession, and use of fireworks are banned within the city of Fremont. This ban includes the “safe and sane” variety of fireworks that are legal in some other cities. Fremont’s police and fire departments will be patrolling neighborhoods to ensure a safe Fourth of July.

City Hall News

It's Nice to be Recognized for Our Efforts

The City was presented with the California Association of Local Economic Development (CALED) Award of Excellence in the Economic Development Program Category — grand prize winner — to acknowledge our innovative Local Business Stimulus Package. At the same time the Federal government announced its stimulus package in early 2009, the

City began developing a local program to mitigate the negative impacts of the recession on business, promote economic activity, and increase employment in the community. In March 2009, the City Council approved the Local Business Stimulus Package and became one of the first California cities to develop a local program of this nature.

The Niles Fire Station is our first fire station to achieve Silver LEED certification for its sustainable design features. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a process of rating highly efficient buildings by the U.S. Green Building Council.



Get Updates on City Budget and Redevelopment Funding

As soon as we have more current information about our City Budget and about the state of redevelopment in Fremont and California, we will post an update on the City website at Fremont.gov.

The Future Fate of Redevelopment Still Pending

The City is still waiting to learn more about Governor Jerry Brown's proposed budget, which was announced on Jan. 10 and recommended the elimination of all local redevelopment agencies in the State of California as of July 1 of this year.

While legislation eliminating redevelopment has been introduced in the State Assembly and Senate as of press time, it has failed to secure the necessary votes to win passage.

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Our Community



Come On Downtown

Shop Fremont at the 28th Annual Festival of the Arts

Downtown Fremont is the place to stroll the **weekend of Aug. 6-7**. That's when the Fremont Chamber of Commerce will host the 28th Annual Festival of the Arts. The event brings together local artisans and musicians, as well as food booths that benefit local nonprofits. This event draws over 400,000 people to the area of Paseo Padre Parkway, Capitol Avenue, and State Street.

Enjoy a fun day in the sun and visit the City of Fremont's booth located on Capitol Avenue in front of City Hall to learn more about City services. While you're there, get a copy of the 2011-2012 Fremont Community & Dining Guide. This handy booklet has information about shopping and dining options in Fremont. For your convenience, it's also available online at Fremont.gov/CommunityGuide.



100 Different Summer Camps — Something for Every Kid

It's time to start thinking about summer and what to do with your kids for those 10 weeks of summer vacation. Our Recreation Services Division offers more camps, more variety, and more fun! There's something for everyone: Academics, Art, Cooking, Performance,

Sports, and "Just for Fun" camps to name a few. Some camps offer before- and after-care options to accommodate those looking for a full day option. Check out the Summer Camp offerings at RegeRec.com or call 494-4300 for more information.

Neighbors Unite

National Night Out

Join the celebration by hosting a block party, ice cream social, or other fun event with your neighbors on **Tuesday Aug. 2, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.** National Night Out is a day to get to know your neighbors in a safe and friendly environment and a way to heighten crime prevention awareness.

Go to the Fremont Police Department website at FremontPolice.org to register your event; registration will be available beginning in mid-June.



Celebrating Our Diverse Community

One of the most diverse cities in America just got more diverse, according to the recently released 2010 census data. That data shows Fremont's population is 50.3 percent Asian. Let's celebrate the rich colorful fabric of our community! Go to Fremont.gov/Demographics for additional census data.



Aqua Adventure Continues to Delight with Family Fun

Aqua Adventure is open daily until Aug. 28 and throughout September. Season passes, birthday party packages, and group events are all available for purchase. For more information visit GoAquaAdventure.com or call 494-4300.

Family Friday Nights @ Aqua Adventure

Five Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m.: July 1, 15, 29; Aug. 12 and 26

Are you ready for some quality family time? Don't let fun-filled opportunities with your kids pass you by! Come enjoy Aqua Adventure's biweekly Family Friday Nights this summer. With fun in the water, family games, and \$1.50 hot dog specials, you can't go wrong. Tickets go on sale at the park at 11 a.m. on the day of the event for \$7 each.

For more information or to pre-purchase tickets, call 494-4300 or visit GoAquaAdventure.com.

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Peralta Senior Housing under Construction

Fremont will soon have another senior housing location in town. It's Peralta Senior Housing, located at 3701 Peralta Blvd. in the Centerville district, and it's currently under construction. Apartments will be available to rent sometime in the fall. This mixed-use development will include 97 rental apartments and 9,000 square feet of commercial space for senior health care provider On Lok. Also, the Senior Services Division, part of the City's Human Services Department, will have a small office space onsite.

Peralta Senior Housing will consist of one- and two-bedroom apartments and targets extremely low and very low income seniors, as well as frail

seniors. The inclusion of On Lok assures independent living for the seniors. It will operate a health care center that provides care for frail elders, including an adult day health center for individuals suffering from memory loss. Eden Housing is developing the \$36 million project, while Fremont's Redevelopment Agency provided a \$12.7 million affordable housing loan in April 2009.

If you would like to apply for an apartment at Peralta Senior Housing, go to Fremont.gov/BMRrentals or call 494-4500 to place your name on the interest list. You will receive a notification from Eden Housing once the developer is ready to rent these apartments.

Kato Road Grade Separation

Making Way for BART to San Jose

The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, also known as VTA, continues corridor preparations for the first 10 miles of BART Silicon Valley, a 16-mile extension of the existing BART system. This first project phase will be built alongside the existing Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

VTA and the City of Fremont are working to improve safety at intersections where freight and auto traffic mix. A separation is planned for where Kato Road crosses the railroad tracks in Fremont. Kato Road will cross under the existing Union Pacific Railroad tracks and future BART system. The project will benefit nearby residents and commuters with reduced traffic at the crossing, and decreased vehicle emissions and commute times.

Construction of the Kato Road Grade Separation will be phased and is anticipated to begin by the fall, with an estimated completion in 2.5 years. Following early construction activities, a full closure of Kato Road will be required and alternate routes identified for approximately 6 months to 12 months. The work includes excavation, soil removal, and building three bridges above Kato Road to accommodate railroad service and maintenance, and BART trains. VTA will conduct outreach to surrounding communities, providing advance notification of all construction activities and traffic impacts through mailed fliers, digital message boards, email and website updates. For more information about VTA's BART Silicon Valley Project, call (408) 934-2662 or go to www.VTA.org/Bart.



Be a Graffiti Buster

Be a graffiti buster and report unsightly graffiti in your neighborhood. Call the City's 24-hour Graffiti Hotline at 494-4897 and leave the requested information. *Due to budget reductions, the City cannot guarantee that all graffiti reported will be resolved to everyone's expectations, but we appreciate the community's help in reporting it.*

Are There Affordable 'For Sale' Homes in Fremont?

The dream of homeownership is alive and well in Fremont. Through the City's Affordable Housing Ordinance, developers are assisting people who live, work, or have previously lived in Fremont, realize their dream of homeownership. Under the City's ordinance, brand new homes are sold at below market prices:

\$312,900 for a two-bedroom home

\$347,550 for a three-bedroom home

\$375,725 for a four-bedroom home

These homes are located in various developments throughout Fremont. The City's homeownership workshops will be offered on **Thursday, July 21 and Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m.;** online registration for these workshops takes place from June 20 through Sept. 12. To learn more about the below market priced homes, go to Fremont.gov/FTHBProgram.

How can you purchase one of the homes?

FIRST:

Must be a first time homebuyer, must currently live, work or have previously lived in Fremont, and must be income-eligible based on household size.

NEXT:

The first time homebuyer must attend the City's mandatory homeownership workshop held quarterly.

FINALLY:

Eligible households will be provided with a website address to place their name on the Below Market Priced Homes interest list.

For households who have previously attended the City's workshop, please note that the City will discontinue selecting buyers by lottery. Instead, if you are interested in purchasing a below market priced home, go to Fremont.gov/BMPHomes and place your name on the interest list. City staff will then contact eligible and qualified households when a new, below market priced home is available for purchase.



Bicyclists and Pedestrians Benefit

Bicycle Master Plan Update, Bay Trail Studies Underway

Throughout Fremont, we want to encourage and increase bicycle ridership and, ultimately, improve overall traffic safety. That's why two major transportation planning projects are under way. The first project is the Fremont Bicycle Master Plan update, which is funded by Alameda County's Measure B sales tax dollars designated only for bicycle and pedestrian projects.

The City's existing bicycle network consists of approximately 20 miles of trails, 73 miles of bicycle lanes, and 56 miles of bicycle routes. With the implementation of all the projects identified in the Master Plan, the bicycle network could be expanded significantly to meet the needs of bicyclists. The Master Plan Update should be completed by this summer. The second major bicycle study under way is the Bay Trail

Feasibility Study, which consists of two segments in the Fremont-Newark area. The north segment evaluates potential trail alignments from the Dumbarton Bridge/Route 84 Toll Plaza to south of Warren Avenue to the end of Fremont Boulevard.

The south study segment is a feasibility and preliminary engineering study for the construction of the Bay Trail from the end of Fremont Boulevard to Dixon Landing Road in Milpitas. The proposed trail will close a major county and regional trail gap west of Interstate 880 and will provide connection to McCarthy Ranch Road into the city of Milpitas and the South Bay. Contact Rene Dalton of the City's Transportation Engineering Division at rdalton@fremont.gov or 494-4535 for more information about these studies.

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Fremont Fourth of July Parade Marches to New 2011 Location

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The 2011 Fremont Fourth of July parade route will begin at the corner of Capitol Avenue and State Street, head east on Capitol toward Paseo Padre Parkway, turn right onto Paseo Padre Parkway, turn right onto Walnut Avenue, and then head west onto Walnut Avenue, ending at California Street. More than 85 parade

entries, including giant helium balloons, colorful patriotic floats, marching bands, and equestrian entries will make their way around the one-mile loop.

The parade is organized and funded by the Fremont 4th of July Parade, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization. A core organizing team, representing the five Districts, has been established. The team proposed to make the downtown a new permanent location for the annual parade. A permanent route in the Downtown has many advantages, including fewer road closures — resulting in reduced City service expenses, more parking, the availability of public property, and less of an impact on surrounding businesses and residences during the actual event.



Photo by Henry Wang of J&H Photography

This year's event will be an opportunity to showcase Fremont's Downtown. And if chosen as the permanent location, parade attendees over the years will experience the Downtown revitalization as it transforms into a transit- and pedestrian-oriented urban district. Go to Fremont4th.org for more information.



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how to help your neighbors and your community in the event of a disaster.

Want more information?

Class Information: 494-4243
Course Registration: 494-4244
CERT Hotline: 494-4245
Email: FirePubEd@fremont.gov
www.FremontCERT.org



Six CERT containers are strategically located at fire stations throughout Fremont and contain basic essentials for CERT members to respond and assemble while helping the Fremont Fire Department.

Enroll in the City's Community Alert System

Be notified of emergency alerts and non-emergency notifications.
Go to Fremont.gov/CommunityAlert.



Correction: In the Spring 2011 issue of City News, we incorrectly featured a photo of the Washington Grade Separation. The photo above showcases this project. We regret this error.



Stormwater Pollution Awareness for Residential Construction Projects

As summer approaches, thoughts of remodeling or landscaping start to take shape. For many of us, this means hiring a contractor. When hiring a contractor be mindful that residential projects have the potential to have negative environmental impacts on local waterways when not properly managed. Construction involves a variety of operations including demolition, grading, and paving. Landscaping involves grading and the application of pesticides and fertilizers. Other common stormwater pollutants include:

- Concrete/mortar
- Paint
- Tile cutting wash water
- Stucco
- Dirt (sediment)
- Garbage
- All wash water
- Pesticide/fertilizer — washout or runoff
- Portable toilet waste
- Runoff from stockpiles such as drywall or other construction material

To reduce negative impacts to local waterways, require your contractor to adopt best management practices outlined in the Clean Bay Blueprint. Be aware of pollutants during the life



of the project. If you observe any pollutant entering the street or storm drain, please inform the contractor to stop activity and clean up any discharge or residue. Remember, the homeowner is ultimately responsible for any pollutants discharged to the streets and storm drains.

Go to Fremont.gov/Environment to learn more about the Clean Bay Blueprint to keep local waterways free of pollution.

Recycling Used Motor Oil

Motor oil poured onto the ground or into storm drains, or tossed into the trash (even in a sealed container) can contaminate and pollute the soil, groundwater, creeks, and the Bay. Federal reports indicate that used motor oil accounts for more than 40 percent of the total oil pollution of our nation's harbors and waterways (*as reported by CalRecycle*). Recycling your used motor oil reduces this pollution threat. How can residents help reduce motor oil pollution in their community?



- Have used motor oil changed at a station that recycles oil for you.
- For residents with curbside garbage and recycling service, set used motor oil (in approved jugs only) on the curb. No other hazardous materials accepted.
- Take used motor oil to a certified collection center for recycling.
- Take used motor oil to the Fremont Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at 41149 Boyce Road.

By choosing to properly recycle used motor oil, you are protecting your community's environment and conserving a valuable resource.

For more information on curbside motor oil recycling, certified center locations or other appropriate recycling options go to Fremont.gov/Oil.



Charity Car Washes and Your Watershed

Don't let your Charity Car Wash event be beneficial for one cause, while being detrimental toward another. Washing any vehicle on the street, in driveways, or on parking lots adds pollution to our creeks and the San Francisco Bay Watershed. Unlike the water that goes to a waste water treatment plant from inside your home, water that goes directly to the stormdrain system will ultimately end up flowing untreated to the Bay. The wash water contains oil, gasoline, grease, soaps, and heavy metals that all have a negative impact on our sensitive environment.

Instead of just letting your Charity Car Wash water go straight into the stormdrain, you can borrow a Charity Car Kit from the City's Environmental Services Division. In the kit, you will use source control best management practices (or BMPs) that will help keep the polluted car wash water from going into the stormdrain. For more information on how to obtain a kit, contact the Environmental Services Division at 494-4570 or go to Fremont.gov/CarWashKit.

If you plan on washing your car at home, try doing it on a vegetated area and use natural soap. Once your car is washed, please be sure to remove it from the vegetated area.

Better yet, you can take your vehicle to a local commercial car wash facility. Car wash water from these facilities is required to be treated and the wash water does not get released into the stormdrain system.



Free Garbage Service for Compost Workshop Winners

Over the last six months, the City of Fremont and Master Composter Sarika Rathi offered composting workshops at the Fremont Main Library. Workshop participants learned about the benefits of backyard composting and reducing the waste they send to the landfill. In addition, they were entered in two free raffles with winners selected at random. One of the prizes was three free months of garbage collection service.

Congratulations to the winners:

Doc Butler

Josefina Maningding

Mary Kate Crawford

Son Yi

Vivek Srinivas



Save the Date: Coastal Cleanup Day

Mark your calendar and get involved in this year's California Coastal Cleanup Day on **Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon**. Join hundreds of volunteers and help clean Fremont's creeks and make a difference in our local environment.

For more information or to register for the event, go to Fremont.gov/CoastalCleanupDay.

Sabercat Creek Trail Restoration Underway

A project to connect two existing trails along Sabercat Creek will help preserve important open space in Fremont. The creek area east and west of Paseo Padre Parkway is currently experiencing significant erosion, which threatens existing trail conditions, public safety, and access. Project elements include stabilizing the creek banks and improving trail conditions, public access, and riparian environments. The work along Sabercat Creek is scheduled to begin this summer and should be completed by the end of the year. For more information, go to Fremont.gov/Sabercat or contact Project Manager Barbara Silva at 494-4575 or bsilva@fremont.gov.



Proposed site for underpass trail below Paseo Padre Parkway

'Green' House Calls



Want to save money on your utility bills while helping the environment? Then sign up for a free "green house call" from California Youth Energy Services.

Funded by PG&E, Alameda County Water District, and the City of Fremont, the program hires and trains local youth ages 15 to 22 to conduct energy audits and install free conservation measures like compact fluorescent light bulbs, low flow shower heads, and more. Volunteer auditors may also make recommendations for more extensive work such as new insulation or appliances.

This free and very popular program is open to all Fremont residents, but capacity is limited. Reserve your spot today by calling 665-1501. For more information about California Youth Energy Services, go to RisingSunEnergy.org.

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Central Park Summer Concert series

Presented by **Washington Hospital Healthcare System**

The City's popular Central Park Summer Concert Series is back again and promises to be bigger and better than ever! 2011 dates are ...

- June 30** SUPERCUSSION! Percussion Quartet
(from Mozart to Michael Jackson)
- July 7** East Bay Mudd (Big Horn Band Playin' R&B Hits)
- July 14** Aja Vu (Steely Dan Tribute Band)
- July 21** Juke Box Heroes (Decades of Billboard Hits)
- July 28** Road Dogs (Generations of Top 40)
- Aug 4** Big Cat Tolefree (New Flava Blues & Soul)
- Aug 11** The Houserockers (All Your Rock 'n' Roll Favorites)

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